

The Huddle

By Harrison Lilly

After an unusually dull summer and fall sports season, the situation on the Mercer campus looks indeed brighter this week. Along with the start of basketball practice under the tutelage of Chief Malone comes the announcement of a program of Intramural 6-man football designed to include both civilian and Navy students.

Next week's Cluster will include definite news on basketball schedules as well as reports on the talent studded squad of hoopsters that has been hitting the hardwood in Porter gym every afternoon this week. But this week, the sports barometer indicates a heavy student interest in the announcement of the addition of real rough and tumble football to the Mercer sports calendar.

Intra Mural Football

The six-man game is a recent innovation and was invented mainly for the small country high school where coaches, equipment, players and other facilities are at a premium. Mercer obviously is temporarily in this category as the only playing field available is the James H. Porter field; most of the football equipment was disposed of after Mercer discontinued football for the duration and the time of the Mercer coaching staff as well as that of the Navy Chiefs is taken up with the V-12 Physical Training Classes. The announcement of the start of 6-man hostilities therefore comes as a boon to Mercer's pigskin-hungry former footballers as well as to many others who enjoy watching the game.

Six Man Rules

Rules of the game are essentially the same as those of the 11-man game, but certain changes have been made which tend to open up and speed up the game.

Following are some of the rules:

1. The ball must change hands before it may be brought across the line of scrimmage. Penalty for violation: loss of down at previous spot.
2. The player who receives the snap from center may pass or punt the ball across the line of scrimmage without reversing it to any other player.
3. Quarters are ten minutes in length.
4. Fumbles or free balls may be advanced by any player of either side even after the ball has struck the ground.
5. Any player is eligible to receive a forward pass.
6. 15 yards are to be made in each set of downs instead of 10.

Porter Madhouse

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curled up at her feet. Someone called me to the phone, and by the time I found my mules (Janice forgot to take them off when she got in bed), they had hung up.

I came back, thinking how queer that was, and thankful for the patience and consideration of the MEP girls I have to live with. No sooner had I gotten comfortable, and deafened to the chatter carried on by Slate, Cherrie, and the sleepy, mumbling roommates, than in walks Lulu, with a yard stick, some pliers, nails, and a hammer. Coming back from the library she noticed our "pretty pink curtains" and just HAD to have some like them. The utensils were for taking them down, getting the proper measurements, and putting them up again. So she went to work.

I put my head under the pillow, and almost wished Lulu would fall out the window.

Doris Croom came in to read us some "wonderful poems." I

7. Field goals count 4 points; point after each touchdown counts 2 points.

Schedule Released

Dr. Zeb Vance, director of the Intramural Program, released the following official schedule and urged that all concerned keep one handy in order to avoid forfeiting games by non-appearance:

All games start at 4:30. James H. Porter Field.
(Teams scheduled to compete are designated by numbers. Thus 1st Platoon, Company A, is Team No. 1; 2nd Platoon, Company A, Team No. 2; 1st Platoon, Company B, Team No. 3, etc.)

Schedule

November 18, 1 vs. 5.
November 19, 2 vs. 4.
November 22, 6 vs. 3.
November 23, 5 vs. 4.
November 24, 1 vs. 3.
November 25, 6 vs. 2.
November 26, 4 vs. 3.
November 29, 5 vs. 2.
November 30, 6 vs. 1.
December 1, 3 vs. 2.
December 2, 4 vs. 1.
December 3, 6 vs. 5.

Greeks Plan Intramurals

Pan-Hellenic intramural competition is tentatively scheduled to get under way the third week in November, according to an announcement released by L. H. Johnson, president of the council. Plans for this competition have not as yet been completed, but Homer Crandall of Kappa Alpha has been appointed chairman of the intramural program and complete schedules will be announced later.

threw my pillow at her and she left. In less than a second my conscience and I "had it out," to I moved Slate's elbow again and chased Doris down two flights of stairs to tell her to come back tomorrow.

Then I took a deep breath and came home again, so intent on going to sleep again that I did not notice a new comer in my bed until I heard Peaches Harwell raving about what a wonderful time she had on her date, and just as she said, "An yawl, we jes did everything," Emily Calhoun appeared with, "You did? Oh how shocking."

The laughter was horribly disturbing, and being unable to defend myself, as Peaches had the pillow, I stuffed some cotton in my ears, crawled under the bed, and nestled among the shoes and suitcases.

Just as I was getting drowsy, Katherine Elmore came in to interview Jan about the Co-Ed M Club, and seeing an unoccupied space on my bed large enough to sit on, proceeded to make herself comfortable. I guess the bed felt worse than I did and couldn't stand it any longer, so it just collapsed. (Not taking into consideration the fact that I might be sensitive.) And, of all times, a Buick came by and blew. By the time I got out from under the remains of my bed, and knocked Lulu out of the window, so I could see to wave at who I thought was John the car was out of sight. It came back in a minute, and wasn't even John—just somebody blowing because Lulu had forgotten to close the blinds.

Just then Betty Moore hollered, "MAN IN THE HALL," and when I looked around there wasn't a soul in the room except Angie, Jan, and me.

With a leap and a bound, I reached the door, and locked it quicker than I ever had before.

Then I crawled in bed with Janice and the rising bell rang. I wasn't peeved, really. But I certainly have a hangover today. So please, Mr. Editor, forgive me for not having the story, and ask me again sometimes.

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